



THE TOKEN HUNTER

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OUTTING NEWS

By Bruce Robinson

Our first trip of the year was to the Simpson Springs area. I must apologize for not letting the club know more in advance on this particular outing. It was just a simple breakdown in communications.

My family and I did go to Simpson Springs, and we did locate the ghost town of Indian Springs. I took some pictures while there and will bring them to the meeting. Indian Springs is a interesting ghost town with a couple of rock cabins still standing, several mines, and many foundations, dug-outs, and building remains hidden in the brush. If enough interest is shown, we can put together a club trip to Indian Springs.

On April 19th we will go to Burmeister. Plan on meeting at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center at 8 am (weather permitting). Burmeister was home to several hundred railroad workers, according to one former resident. I was out there three years ago and we founs a sprinkling of coins, etc., but my son found an old cast iron cap pistol laying in the sagebrush.

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FREE LECTURE

By Glen Sidwell

Harry Campbell will be the speaker at a free lecture on Thursday, May 8th at the Holladay Library, 2150 East 4800 South, at 7pm. Harry, as most members know, has catalogued and researched Utah trade tokens, and is the author of two books on the subject. Harry is currently working on a third book that should be out within two years.

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Any news, views, or info you'd like to share? Tell someone about it. If you would like to have an ad or an article appear in the **TOKEN HUNTER** call the Editor.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By George Wilson

April brings the begining of several things for our society. First, Spring is finally here and our outtings begin in earnest. Bruce and Ken have been busy planning summer digs for this year. On April 19th we will be going to Bermeister. This is a tough town to find a token from. Two different tokens are known from the town, with a total of only four tokens that are known to exist. Bring along your metal detector and you may find a rare token. Bob Campbell has promised to take us to a recently discovered bottle dump on the 19th also. If you would like to try your hand at bottle digging, be sure to bring a shovel to dig with and something to take your finds home in. This trip should offer something for everyone. I am planning on making the trip to Bermeister, I hope that you are too.

April also starts us on out big push toward our coin and token show in June. The show will be held once again at the Salt Lake City Howard Johnson's, June 14th and 15th. We have compleated the first mailing, and over half of the tables are already sold. Flyers are being distributed to coin and antique dealers all along the Wasatch Front. I would like the membership to help with this task by picking up a few flyers at the meeting and covering your area. The more publicity we are able to generate for this show, the more successful it will be. Anyone who would be interested in helping out at the show by greeting guests, contact Mary Moulton or sign up at the April meeting.

We will have a speaker at the meeting on April 24th, Professor Richard Roberts. Professor Roberts is a history instructor at Weber State College, and he will be speaking about the early history of Utah, prior to settlement by the mormon pioneers.

The April meeting will be the deadline for sales of the 1986 medal. The design was chosen by popular vote at the March meeting. The order blank for the 1986 medal is included in this month's TOKEN HUNTER. We must have 100 pre-paid orders in order to begin production, so order your medal today. As there will only be 150 of the medals made, you are assured that this will be a food piece to get.

The March meeting was a bourse night and alot of swaping and selling went on. I added nine tokens to my collection, and saw many others change hands. The bourse is one of my favorite meetings. In addition to talking with members, I almost always find something to take home.

For the Nevada trip that is comming up, I am writting some sketches of the towns that we will be visiting. This month Ward and Taylor are highlighted. In future TOKEN HUNTER'S look for more information including maps and schedules.

In closing this month, I'd like to compliment Glen and Robin Sidwell for the job they have been doing on the TOKEN HUNTER. The new "look" has been met with very favorable comments and the content is excellent. They deserve a thank you for a job well done. That about wraps things up for another month, hope to see you on the 19th in Bermeister, and at the meeting April 24th.



WARD & TAYLOR NEVADA

By George Wilson

The story of Ward, Nevada began in March of 1872 when teamsters hauling freight from Toano to Pioche discovered a rich outcrop of silver near Ward gulch. The claim was promptly staked, and named the Paymaster, it later proved to be the richest claim in the district. Development was slow at first, but by 1875 two smelters were in operation and the lure of wealth sounded the call to Ward. 1876 was the beginning of the boom and by the fall of that year a school district had been formed, and the first newspaper The Ward Miner, began publication.

By 1877 Ward was big enough to get a Post Office. A new 20 stamp mill with three furnaces was built and connected to the area mines by tram at a cost of \$85,000. Two breweries kept the town in good spirits.

Fraternal orders were chartered, a fire department established, a city hall built, and Ward's second newspaper, The Reflex, printed that year.

In 1878 Ward was the largest town in White Pine County, and its 680 registered voters controlled county elections.

For all its prosperity, Ward remained a peaceful camp. Although it had no sheriff or other peace officer, it did have an active vigilante force. When a drunken drifter shot and killed a local merchant, he was promptly taken to the nearest tree and hanged.

Prosperous times continued on into the early 1880's, but like all mining camps, one day the bubble burst. Over one third of the town was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1883, and the town never recovered. Many of the businesses left for the town of Taylor. By 1887 even the Post Office was gone.

Today a cemetery and rock foundations mark the site where the town once stood. Three miles south of Ward six coke ovens built in 1876 have been preserved as a state historical monument.

Initial discoveries at Taylor had been made in 1873 and mining was begun soon after. Production was not spectacular at first, but in 1880 rich veins of silver were uncovered. Taylor remained a small town until 1883 when the towns of Cherry Creek and Ward began to decline. Many of the buildings that made up Taylor's business district were moved there from these two towns. Almost overnight Taylor boasted several saloons, Mercantiles, and fraternal orders, along with a Wells Fargo office, a school, three mills, and a new opera house. Several hundred people called Taylor home. Apparently the vigilantes from Ward had moved to Taylor, as it was known as a peaceful camp. A brass band was organized in Taylor, and along with various traveling shows, entertained at the opera house.

The end came to Taylor in 1886 when declining metal prices forced the closure of several of the mines. By the end of 1889 the town was completely deserted, the population for the most part had left for greener pastures in Ely. The last two operating mines the Argus and the Monitor, also closed that year. From 1873 to 1889 over three million ounces of silver had been produced.

Today sagebrush grows in the once busy streets of Taylor. The few visitors that come search for relics of the past. Please join us when we visit the towns of Ward and Taylor, Nevada in June.

FREE LECTURE CONTINUED

Harry's work is well known and respected throughout the state. He has worked with state universities, the historical society, and many town museums. Harry has been profiled in local newspapers, radio and TV concerning his work in this area.

Robin and I attended this lecture a few weeks ago, and really enjoyed it. I encourage all of you to attend. Bring any script or tokens that you would like Harry to take a look at.

PLACES TO WATCH

THE RUSH VALLEY MINING DISTRICT

BY Glen Sidwell

Got a day where you would like to get out of town to do some exploring and a little metal detecting? Well just take a look to the west side of the valley, the other side of those mountains are only 40 minutes away. Right now you can get to most all the ghost towns in the area.

West Dip, at the mouth of Mercur Canyon, is a good place to start. I have been there several times already this year and managed to recover part of an old pistol, an 1899 Barber dime, and a token from the San Pedro Club (Harry Campbell believes that this was located in Ophir, Utah.)

Ophir is just north of West Dip, up a narrow canyon. There are many old buildings in Ophir, still standing after 100 years. The town is small and quiet, a nice place to take a hike, and a few snapshots. I did do some detecting lower in the canyon, below the main part of town, but failed to turn up anything. If you care to ask some of the property owners, you may be able to do some detecting in the townsite.

Mercur is another popular townsite, that most of us would have liked to visit, in Rush Valley. I am sure there is still treasure to be found in Mercur. Unfortunately, all you can do is look. During the summer months tours are available, and the small museum is open. It is fun to take a look at some of the items that the mining operation has uncovered. Last time that we visited, they had found an old safe in one of the mine shafts. I am curious as to what they found inside when they opened it up.

These are a few of many sites in Rush Valley worthy of a visit. The best thing about going is that the trip only takes a few minutes, and a little fuel, and your chances of returning home with nice finds are terrific.

A little later in the day, Bob Campbell, will lead us to an old cabin where it is reported that several hundred bottles were found, and many still remain.

On May 3rd and 4th we will be visiting the Tintic Mining District. We plan on using Silver City as our base, and will possibly visit the townsites of Diamond, Knightsville, Homansville, etc. Plan on coming soon even if you can only stay for the day. If Doug Wright can work out his schedule, he will be down on May 4th, and will share some of his vast knowledge of the Tintic area with us (he attended the Eureka Institute of Technology).

Come to the outings if you can. I promise that you will enjoy the friendship of the NUTS group. Here is the calendar of club outings for the remainder of the year. Keep in mind that others may be added, and I'll keep you up dated.

april

19 ——— BURMEISTER

may

3-4 ——— TINTIC MINING DISTRICT

24-26 ——— FRISCO

june

16-22 ——— NEVADA

july

4-6 ——— MILL CITY

august

2-3 ——— WINTER QUARTERS

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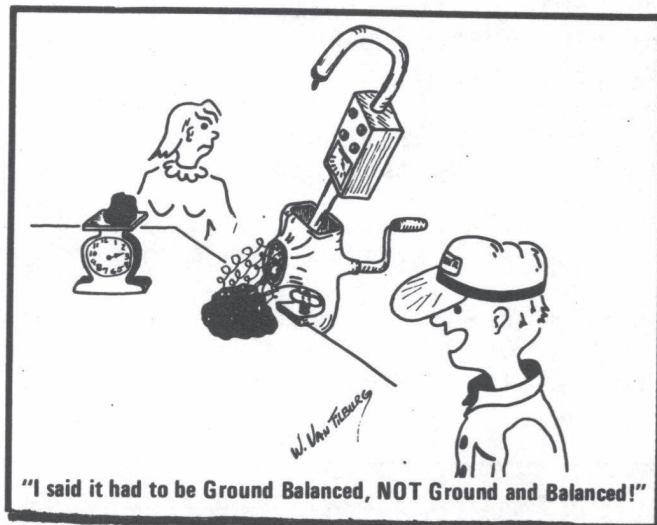
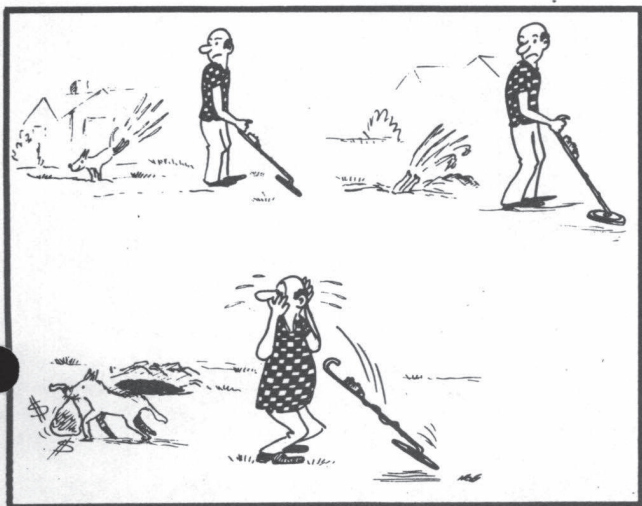
By Glen Sidwell

Here is a little something to get you ready for the outing to Frisco, Utah on May 24, 25, & 26th.

Bryan and Mary Moulton, Robin and myself recently made a trip out to Frisco. It was a great day, the sun was shining and it was warm. The ground was just a bit damp, perfect for coin hunting.

Bryan and Mary began hunting in an area just east of town, and before long returned with a token they had dug. Robin and myself searched around in the center of town and came up with 1908 s Barber dime, a 1925 d Buffalo nickle, and an aluminum pocketknife embossed with a boy flying a kite. All of us turned up several more relics before the day was out.

There were several other metal detectors in Frisco that day, and in talking with them I discovered that they had found a Chinese coin about the size of a half dollar, an eight sided scallop token that read R&M good for 25¢ in trade, an 1864 quarter, an aluminum token, and a shield nickle. That is eight coins and tokens found in Frisco in one sunny afternoon! So, when people tell you that you can't find anything in Frisco anymore, don't believe it.



DIGGIN'S

By Bruce Robinson

There is not too much to report this month, but again, what has been found has been good.

Bryan Moulton, while metal detecting in Magna, found a gold wedding band. It is a large ring with a bullion value of \$50. One thing I forgot to ask Bryan: Is this your first ring?? Congratulations!!!

Harold Franke got a lead on a metal detector who found a number of tokens. Harold obtained these from the fellow treasure hunter, and he got some good ones. There was a piece from Sunshine, another from Oquirrh Bar in Murcur; an unlisted incuse token from Jefferson, CO, and a couple of unlisted tokens from a Utah lumber camp.

Quite a number of tokens traded hands at the last NUTS meeting. I ended up with an Alta piece, Harold Franke picked up an unlisted Bingham Saloon, a Leviberg Parlor saloon (SLC), and a set of Beaver Co-Op's. Bob Campbell got a set of tokens from Lyndyll, a piece from Mercur, and a token from the O.K. Saloon in Smithfield. I think just about everyone came away satisfied.

Now what have you found? Give me a call at 967-6607. Good Luck and Good Diggin'

The Second Annual Salt Lake City Coin and Token Show Commemorative Medal is now available at the special pre-show price of only \$3.60 each. The 1985 Medal sold rapidly and have become sought after collector pieces. As only a limited number of the 1986 Medals will be minted, it is suggested that you order now to insure obtaining one. Any remaining Medals will be available for sale at the show, but at a much higher price. Take advantage of this opportunity and order your 1986 Medal today at this special pre-show price.

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By Robin Sidwell

This month Glen has asked me to write a bit about our interest and involvement in token collecting and treasure hunting. This surprised me because I am far from knowledgeable on the subject. Then he admitted that he had neglected to ask any other member to be featured in the column this month. Well, since I am writing this, it will be slanted, and my story.

This whole thing began with our wedding three years ago. Glen's father came over to our place and said that he had a wedding present for us. Boy, was I excited. Visions of big screen televisions flashed through my mind's eye. When he presented Glen with this...this...thing, I was not impressed. "Just what the*#@% is that" I cried. Glen meanwhile, was in ecstasy. Well, this gift, a metal detector, I found out later, was going to be a true test of our new marriage.

Glen, my beloved spouse, worked two jobs that took up most of his time. The few remaining hours were spent running around the city with that metal detector trying to find treasure. What he was actually finding was pop tops, pull tabs, gum wrappers, washers, and an occasional penney. When he did return home, well after dark, he would spend hours pouring over books about coins and tokens.

Here we were, a few short months into our marriage, and I was sure I had made a terrible mistake. I was living with a fanatic. I took stock of the situation and reviewed my options. After much soul searching, I decided that I would try to share his interest in metal detecting and thereby be able to spend some time with him.

On our first trip together to go detecting, I consoled myself with the thought that soon Glen would begin to loose interest in this, as he had other hobbies. But I was wrong.

COLLECTOR'S

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Glen
and
Robin
Sidwell

His interest grew to include not just metal detecting but numismatics. He has worked diligently on his coin collection, and it is quite nice. He began finding more and more coins, and a few tokens. This is what got us involved in NUTS. He loves to find a token, and find out all about the history behind it. Joining NUTS has also allowed Glen to meet others that share his enthusiasm in this area. I have come to enjoy treasure hunting over the past few years, and although my passion for it does not match Glen's, we have enjoyed many good times together out searching for that elusive token or coin. I have resigned myself to the fact that I am married to a man who will not ever give up metal detecting or collecting tokens and coins. I must admit however, that I much prefer numismatic collecting to him collecting blondes or redheads.

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 4. Currency & Scriptophily
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 - E. Rarity, considering condition of exhibited material.....10
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